

# REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT AND GROWTH

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### Refugee Assistance

#### Conflict Mitigation in FATA



*Above: A community meeting is held with FATA members.*

The Federally Administered Tribal Area (FATA), located between the Pakistan-Afghanistan borders, is commonly known as an insecure conflict zone with a widely-held notion that most people are armed with weapons. JEN has been working in FATA since 2012, implementing programs for those who were displaced from their homes due to internal instability who have decided to return.

However, JEN has faced a number of conflicts that continue to arise in FATA, which have the potential to disrupt ongoing programs. Most recently, JEN staff members worked to mitigate a dispute among the community members over the distribution of the region's water supply. Using their knowledge on the area's culture and its people along with a determined and open attitude, the staff members were able to eventually resolve the issue, which enabled them to continue with their program in providing relief to the returnees.

### Community Building

#### Camel Festival Brings the Country Together

The camel festival is a cultural event held every year in different locations in Tehsil Pahar Pur of Dera Ismail Khan. During this festival, camels lift weights, and the camel that lifts the heaviest weights is named the winner.

There are many participants in this event, including the general people and owners of camels from all over Pakistan. The event is organized by the local people and is filled with music, dances and food.

This year's winner lifted 14 sacks, or 1176 kg, and the camel was later auctioned and purchased for 9 million PKR or 9,000,000 JPY, which is also equal to 91,000 USD. According to the local people, this event is a great source of enjoyment, and that these activities promote and introduce their culture to people from other parts of the country makes them happy.



*Above: A child rides a camel's back during the festival.*

**COUNTRY: PAKISTAN**

**Culture**

**Milk and Buck Fair**

JEN carried out an event called “Milk and Buck Fair” as part of the Livelihood Recovery Project for displaced persons in Dera Ismail Kahn. The purpose of this activity was to hold a competition amongst beneficiaries who previously received goats from JEN and to appreciate the owners who took care of their goats the best.

At the event, 120 beneficiaries participated, and 55 beneficiaries brought their female goats to compete in the milking contest. Respectively, the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> female goat winners milked 2300ml, 2200ml, and 2140ml. 17 beneficiaries brought their male goats to compete in the weighing contest. Respectively, 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> male goat winners weighed in at 72kg, 72kg, and 69kg. The winners received trophies and food for their goats.

Another area presented 4 goats that respectively delivered 4, 3 and 2 baby goats. In another area, representatives of district livestock departments answered questions from beneficiaries concerning goat management and handed out printed material. In addition to these representatives, private veterinarians, village elders, and members of the United Nations Office for Coordination of humanitarian Affairs in Dera Ismail Kahn participated in the event.



*Above: A participant weighs his goat for the weighing contest.*

**Psycho-Social Care**

**Kohat City**



*Above: The 1.8 km tunnel connects Peshawar and Kohat.*

JEN’s field office for the Orakzai Project and affected people in Kohat is located in Kohat, Pakistan. Kohat District is the division headquarter in southern Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP) and about 75km south of Peshawar, the Provincial Capital. A 1.8km long tunnel, constructed with the help of the Japanese government, connects Peshawar and Kohat.

Kohat is rich with culture and is the home to various local tribes. There is a famous archaeological site known as Durrani Qabristan, or the Durrani Graveyard, which is about 10 minutes from the city. This city is the gateway to Orakzai, Kurram and North Waziristan Agencies/FATA, and the area is surrounded by water sources, such as Tanda Dam/Reservoir, vegetable fields, and other crops. Guava is grown in orchards irrigated by the Tanda Dam/Reservoir.

Kohat City has beautiful mountains and good roads and services. The peaceful and resourceful city is built around an Army Cantonment, which has all basic facilities, including hospitals, shopping malls, banks, schools, a newly established Kohat University, amongst others.

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